

More Chemicals On The Way

New York, N.Y. — John Q. Citizen will face many more new herbicides and pesticides as he tackles the insect and weed problem in the future according to papers presented at the 17th Annual Northeastern Weed Control Conference held at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City last week.

The present and future status of pesticide tolerances, a recent controversial topic, was discussed by Parke C. Brinkley, President of the National Agricultural Chemical Association of Washington, D.C.

Brinkley noted that in 1951 there were 109 different basic, synthetic, organic pesticide chemicals produced in the United States. "The number has nearly doubled in ten years", Brinkley pointed out. He adds, "We now have 193 pesticides".

"Herbicides are an economic necessity. We have to substitute herbicides for labor", Brinkley said.

"One-third of the cost of putting pesticides on the market is used to double check the product to make sure it is safe for the consumer as required by the federal government", the expert said. Brinkley praised pesticides for their contributions to our welfare and said, "Pesticides have saved more lives than all of the wonder drugs combined". He noted that DDT alone saved 5,000,000 lives and prevented 100,000,000 illnesses due to insect carriers of disease organisms.

Leland G. Merrill Jr., Dean, College of Agriculture, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey, spoke on Pesticides in a Balanced Environment, and told the conference that "The absolute mandatory and judicious use of pesticides integrated with the battle to hold back the elements is resulting in a much more favorable balance of the environment toward mankind". Merrill further stated, "I have full confidence that effective use of chemicals under reasonable government controls in combination with the other means of pest control will give every day to man an increasing advantage over environmental agents". He charged the people at the meeting to do everything to inform the public of the value of pesticidal usage.

Industrial companies introduced a dozen new herbicides for 1963 as 700 state, federal and industrial workers from 15 states gathered for the conference.

Two Countians Take Course On Fallout

Larry R. Corson & Richard A. Shipman of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Lancaster County attended a radiological monitoring, training school at Harrisburg last week.

At the two and one-half day workshop instructions in the use of Geiger counters for detecting radioactivity in the soil were given by Dr. F. Glade Loughry of the Soil Conservation Service and Mr. Richard Lane of the Pennsylvania State Office of Civil Defense.

Corson & Shipman also received training on methods which farmers may use to minimize injuries from radioactive material to livestock and farm products used for animal and human consumption.

Lancaster County had been designated as one of the Pennsylvania stations scheduled to assemble data on radioactive fallout.

Dog Owners Are Reminded To Buy Licenses

HARRISBURG — Dog licenses for 1963 are overdue — have been since Jan. 15, the Bureau of Animal Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, reminded today in announcing a checkup that is soon to start on all unlicensed dogs.

Walter H. Miller, chief of the BAI's dog law division, warned that dog law violators are liable to fines ranging from \$5 to \$100, plus costs, or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days, or both.

Miller said "it is not the wish of the Bureau of Animal Industry or enforcement officers to make prosecutions. Rather, the checkup aims at the licensing of all dogs with homes and the disposal of strays and homeless dogs."

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Dog Law, he explained, is the proper control of dogs for the protection of the public, the protection of property, and the protection of properly licensed and tagged dogs.

All dogs over six months of age must be licensed. Dog licenses may be purchased at county treasurer offices, or may be ordered through any notary public, justice of the peace, or alderman.

"The purchase of a license," Miller warned, "does not permit your dog to run at large

Farm Women 10 Bring Valentines To Meeting

Society of Farm Women 10 brought valentines to a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. Abram Miller, 1130 Farmingdale Road.

The valentines, however, were not for the members themselves. They were to be distributed to the children in the Elizabethtown Crippled Children's hospital and the special education classes at Conestoga Valley and Hempfield Elementary schools. The society also voted a \$15 donation

unaccompanied. If found running at large, it can be picked up by any officer.

tion to Heart Haven.

It was announced that bus reservations to the Philadelphia Flower show on Wednesday, March 13 are to be made with Mrs. Jacob Evans, 451 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster. Mrs. John Habecker and Mrs. Cyrus Neff reported on the state convention in Harrisburg last month.

Mrs. Edgar Porter spoke in the absence of her son, Glenn, who spent six months in Nepal during the latter part of 1961 and the early part of 1962. Glenn is now in the U.S. Armed Services.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 2, in Kauffman's Tea Room, East Petersburg, when the hostesses will be Mrs. Wayne Brubaker and Mrs. Fred Aungst. A white elephant sale will be featured.

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